

not collectively, and the heeding to this call remains to be decided as we may so desire. While we know there are countless heathens in foreign countries, human creatures with souls alike to ours, who have never had the least ray of light to penetrate those sin-stained souls, it is so easy to quiet our conscience with the thought that there are others who are more fitted and who have more leisure for such work than I. It is very true that all cannot go to foreign fields to work, and there is no need for all to go, since here in our beloved America there is ample field in which woman can hearken to the call of the Savior, minister to the wants of the poverty stricken, and alleviate the suffering of the dying.

We who are endowed with sound minds and a certain degree of intelligence will be called upon in the last day to render an account of our stewardship here on this earth, then how much happier we shall be, and how much greater will be our reward, if our lives have been spent in a manner which meets with the hearty approval of our Savior.

True, the path of the missionary and her co-workers, in both home and foreign fields, is often very roughly paved, and the duties as we see them clearly defined, are repulsive and irksome. Yet, there is one thought which should not fail to console us; the more we suffer for our Savior's sake, and that of sinful and suffering humanity, the greater will be the number of stars added to our crown of righteousness.

An example of woman's work was beautifully portrayed in the endless chain of letters that were sent throughout the United States during our recent war with Spain. It was only a dime for each woman to give, but collectively it was more than ten thousand dollars, and only those who ministered to the wants of the wounded and dying soldiers at Santiago can ever realize the amount of suffering and distress that was alleviated therewith.

Christ's call to woman at the well of Samaria, "Give me to drink!" is a beautiful illustration of this position of woman as bearer of the cup of gladness, the servant of a world in need. No doubt we should all be glad to minister to the wants of a personal Savior, as did this woman of Samaria, and subsequently be dispatched by this same Christ to proclaim to our friends his greatness and goodness. But since that is denied us, why should we hesitate to follow the example which was given us during his ministry here? For is it not true that whosoever will be great among you let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you let him be your servant? For this very service of others was Christ highly exalted. It is in this way that those who are the weakest may become the mightiest.

When a woman gladly, lovingly, and willingly surrenders her time and talents to others, her field of labor is opening all around her. We find every day of our lives souls around us who need our help and loving sympathy,

gentle council and advice. Then we know of many souls living in utter darkness, yet penetrable by the gospel light of love and gladness, and, knowing all this, can we sit by with hand idly folded and say there is no work for me? There is no alternative—we must work! If we cannot work in one field, we can in another. It is an established fact that woman's influence and sympathies are most wonderful—in other words she is the cup bearer of the world. Then the question arises, what shall be the nature of the contents of this cup? She must decide this according to the dictates of her conscience.

With every breath of summer air that comes floating thro our open windows, with every gust of wind that howls and moans around our warm and cozy homes in icy winter, comes the cry of dying souls pleading for food and drink. You may bar your doors and windows against that cry, but it penetrates the very walls of your home, plants itself within your being, and gives you no peace until your conscience bids you go work, anywhere, everywhere, then there is peace.

Think you, is it not worth while to share with the perishing our cup of gladness, yea, and give all, consecrate our entire lives with a devotion exceeded only by that of our Savior to the Father, that in the end we may be permitted to partake of an everlasting banquet with him who is the shining light and example of the world? Then indeed we may be the Daughters of the King.

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Our Young People

TRIALS AND HOW TO BEAR THEM

Isa. 41:8-20.

Topic for Oct. 2.

Surely here is a helpful topic. "Man is born unto trouble," has been the testimony of all ages and of all experiences in life troubles are most vividly remembered. If we were as we should be we would not need to be disciplined by affliction, but the ground that is hard and rough must have the rain and the harrow before it is fruitful. Because of our selfish and stubborn tendencies we may by receiving them rightly gain from our afflictions a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. If the sun always shone, the earth would soon be parched and dry; if prosperity were ours continuously our lives might also become hard and unsympathetic. Let us study these scriptures well for there is no problem of life so little understood as the problem of suffering. The references are abundant, and many more can be supplied from the scriptures.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT ON TRIALS

Kinds of trials and their purpose.

1. Affliction, II Cor. 8:1, 2.
2. Persecutions, Heb. 11:35-38; Rev. 2:10.
3. Temptations of Satan, I Pet. 5:8.
4. To test faith, Isa. 48:10.
5. To make deceivers evident, Rev. 2:2; I Cor. 3:13.
6. To punish evil-doers, Ps. 107:7.
7. To develop character, Rom. 5:3-5; II Cor. 12:7.
8. To enable us to help others, II Cor. 1:6; Heb. 2:18.

Results of trials.

9. Joy and liberty, II Cor. 8:2.
10. Praise and glory, I Pet. 1:7.

11. Steadfastness proved, Job 23:10; Dan. 12:10.
12. A crown of life, Jas. 1:12.
13. Patience, Jas. 1:3; Rom. 5:3, 4.
14. Eternal glory, II Cor. 4:17; Rev. 7:13, 14.
15. Humility, Ps. 107:39.
16. A closer walk, Ps. 119:67, 71, 75.

HOW TO BEAR TRIALS

17. Pray, Jas. 5:13.
18. Search the scriptures, Ps. 119:50.
19. Expect them and be glad, I Pet. 4:12, 13; John 16:33; II Tim. 3:12, and 4:5.
20. How to bear reproach, I Pet. 4:14-16.
21. How to bear persecution when innocent, I Pet. 2:20, 21.
22. Be joyful, II Cor. 7:4.
23. Be patient, Rom. 12:12; Isa. 53:7.
24. Be obedient, Rev. 3:10.
25. Remember you are not the only one with trouble, I Pet. 5:9.
26. Help others, Jas. 1:27.
27. Remember "He comforteth," II Cor. 1:4.
28. Trust in Rom. 8:28.

FOR OPEN DISCUSSION

1. What is your favorite Bible verse for affliction?
2. What are some wrong ways of bearing affliction?
3. Are we to avoid trial? When and how? Matt. 26:41.
4. What have been some of the results of trial in your experience?
5. How can we help one another in trial?
6. How can we avoid causing trials for others?
7. How can Christ help us in trial?

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

How the Society Can Help the Pastor

The time is almost come when our pastors will begin their revival work. Then, if ever, the pastor needs assistance. Visiting during the day and preaching in the evening is as much as one man can do, or at least ought to do. But the pastor knows that this is not sufficient. If his sermon attains the desired end, it must be brought personally to each one of his hearers. This the pastor can not do, for two reasons. First, it is impossible for lack of time, and secondly, when the sermon is ended the pastor is too nearly exhausted to do much personal work. How then can this work be done? Usually an evangelist is called in, who because of his special preparation is enabled to do much more of the above work than the pastor. But this is not always possible. Evangelists can not always be had. Churches and pastors are not always able to employ them. *Then what shall be done?* Many pastors have been placed in just such a dilemma. But the pastor's extremity can be made the society's opportunity. Let me in a few words tell you how. Call a special or after meeting of your society. Lay before the society your pastor's need. Then engage in prayer. Pray that God may roll upon the hearts of the members, the burden of lost souls, and that He may endue each of your members with the Holy Spirit and thus prepare them for active service. Then call for volunteers, who will pledge themselves to pray earnestly and work faithfully that those outside of Christ and the church may be brought in. Then appoint a committee on visitation, on advertising the special meetings, on tract